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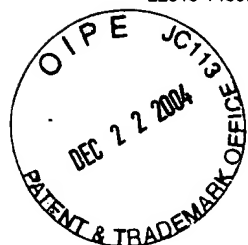
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Kunio SHIOTA et al.)

Group Art Unit: 1631

Application No.: 09/881,748)

Examiner: John S. BRUSCA

Filed: June 18, 2001)

Confirmation No. 8762

For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING)
 CELLS USING DNA)
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Sir:

PETITION FOR FOUR MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a four month extension of time to extend the due date for filing a Request for Continued Examination to December 22, 2004. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal and the appeal fee on June 22, 2004. A fee of \$1,590.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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